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SUBJ: JUDICIAL INQUIRY -- US EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN, CIA IMPLICATED
IN HEARSAY EVIDENCE INTRODUCED TODAY

SUMMARY: SET OUT BELOW ARE SUMMARIES OF TESTIMONY
INTRODUCED BY POLICE SUPERINTENDENT DURANT TODAY INDICATING
US INVOLVEMENT WITH LUGO AND RICARDO LOSANO. ACTION
REQUIRED: SEE PARA 8. END SUMMARY

1. WITNESSES CALLED BY GOB OFFICIALS CONCLUDED WITH
SESSION TODAY, DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO CONCLUSION OF REPORT
OF POLICE SUPERINTENDENT DURANT AND QUESTIONING OF
HIM BY INQUIRY PARTICIPANTS. DURANT ESSENTIALLY
RECAPITULATED HIS DISCOVERIES COVERING INVESTIGATORY
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IN PERIOD OCTOBER 9-22. IN LARGE PART DURANT'S TESTIMONY

EMPHASIZED DIFFICULTIES GOB OFFICIALS FACED IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON CASE SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY EXTRADITION REQUESTS FOR LUGO AND RICARDO LOSANO. FOLLOWING BELOW IS A RECAPITULATION OF THOSE PARTS OF HIS TESTIMONY INDICATING A U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN CASE.

2. DURANT REPORTED THAT ON OCTOBER 20 GOB COMMISSIONER OF POLICE REID RECEIVED A REPORT FROM GOTT DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR THAT RICARDO LOSANO HAD MADE AN ORAL STATEMENT TO HIM "IN THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE" THAT HE, RICARDO LOSANO WAS A MEMBER OF THE CIA. REID WAS NOT ABLE TO GET ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE STATEMENT FROM RAMDWAR.

3. ON OCTOBER 21, DURANT WAS GIVEN COPIES TO REVIEW OF LUGO AND RICARDO LOSANO STATEMENTS. HE TOOK NOTES ON THEM BUT WAS NOT PERMITTED A COPY. LUGO'S STATEMENT, BASED ON DURANT'S NOTES, INDICATED THAT RICARDO LOSANO "WENT TO AN EMBASSY IN BARBADOS." SUBSEQUENTLY RAMDWAR TOLD DURANT THAT RICARDO LUSANO HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE MET A MR. MCCLOUD IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BARBADOS 3 TIMES ON OCTOBER 6. "MR. MCCLOUD IS A NEGRO MAN OF MEDIUM HEIGHT." (NOTE: TESTIMONY YESTERDAY CONVERING STATEMENTS OF TRINIDADIAN WHO APPARENTLY WERE IN CONTACT WITH SUSPECTS DESCRIBED A MEETING OF THE TWO AT PIARCO AIRPORT WITH A STOCKY, MEDIUM HEIGHT BLACK WHO APPEARED TO BE SOUTH AMERICAN, BASED ON FACT THAT HE WAS FLUENT SPANISH SPEAKER.) HE ALSO SAID THAT RAMDWAR TOLD HIM THAT ON OCTOBER 18, AFTER RAMDWAR HAD SHOWN RICARDO LOSANO A STATMENT OF LUGO'S IN WHICH LUGO SAID THAT RICARDO LOSANO HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS GOING TO BLOW UP CUBANA 445, RICARDO LOSANO BECAME HYSTERICAL, EXPRESSED HIS HATRED FOR ALL CUBANS AND CASTRO, AND THEN PROCEEDED TO DRAW UP A DIAGRAM SETTING OUT THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CIA, AND OTHERS SETTING OUT DIRECTIONS FOR BOMBING WITH C-4 EXPLOSIVE AND USE OF DETONATORS. DURANT WENT ON THAT "APPARENT COPIES OF THESE CHARTS WERE SHOWN TO ME BUT I GOT NO COPIES." RAMDWAR ALSO TOLD DURANT THAT ON OCTOBER 19 RICARDO LOSANO REQUESTED A MEETING WITH RAMDWAR, AND TOLD RAMDWAR THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CIA, RECRUITED IN VENEZUELA, AND THAT LUGO WAS ALSO A MEMBER, RECRUITED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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HIM. HE WENT ON THAT HE LEFT CARACAS ON OCTOBER 5 TO DO INTELLIGENCE WORK ON A CUBANA FLIGHT. THE PERSONS WHO BLEW UP THE PLANE WERE VENEZUELANS AT PRESENT IN TRINIDAD. HE THEN WENT ON, "I WISH TO SAY TO YOU IN THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE THAT LUGO AND I BOMBED THE PLANE." RICARDO LOSANO WOULD NOT PUT THESE STATEMENTS IN WRITING, AND REFUSED TO SIGN A STATEMENT SETTING OUT THE PARTICULARS RELATED, SINCE HE WAS "ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS."

4. SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONING BY LAWYER FOR CUBANS TOUCHED ON WHETHER FURTHER INVESTIGATION ABOUT SUSPECTS CONNECTION WITH AMERICAN EMBASSY WAS CARRIED OUT (ANSWER -- YES; NO FOLLOW-UP QUESTION) AND WHETHER INVESTIGATIONS HAD IDENTIFIED JOE LEO, REFERRED TO IN YESTERDAY'S TESTIMONY (SEE BRIDGETOWN 2335) (ANSWER -- YES; NO FOLLOW-UP QUESTION).

5. WILLIS PRESSED FOR RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION RELATING TO AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BRIDGETOWN, DURANT DISCLOSING THAT NO AMERICAN OR LOCAL BY NAME OF MCCLOUD COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS CONNECTED TO EMBASSY, AND THAT A LIMITED (3-DAY) IMMIGRATION CHECK AT TIME OF INCIDENT DID NOT REVEAL THAT ANYONE OF SUCH NAME ARRIVED OR DEPARTED BARBADOS. THE LIMITED CONCLUSION GOB OFFICIALS REACHED WAS THAT MCCLOUD COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED.

6. TOMORROW THE INQUIRY -- PUBLIC PORTION IS TO CONCLUDE, WITH ANY PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS CALLING SUCH WITNESSES AS THEY WISH, FOLLOWED BY SUCH CLOSING STATEMENTS AS GOVERNMENTS WISH TO MAKE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED STATE, BRIDGETOWN, AND CARACAS: WE DO NOT INTEND TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER IN INQUIRY IF IT CAN BE AVOIDED, BUT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF YOU COULD ADVISE US IF THERE IS A U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE NAMED MCCLOUD IN THIS GENERAL AREA, AND, IF SO, WHAT HIS MOVEMENTS WERE ON OCTOBER 6. ALSO IS THERE ANY LATE GUIDANCE RE JOE LEO? SUCH INFO IS NECESSARY ONLY INsofar AS A CUBAN WRAP-UP STATEMENT MIGHT REQUIRE RESPONSE ON RECORD. WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR EXPECTING SUCH A RESPONSE WILL BE NECESSARY -- CUBANS HAVE NOT, FOR MOST PART, TAKEN AN AGGRESSIVE POLITICAL POSTURE AT INQUIRY-- BUT WE HESITATE TO PREDICT WHAT MIGHT
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HAPPEN ON LAST DAY OF THE PUBLIC PROCEEDING. GUIDANCE YOU MAY WISH TO PROVIDE SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY US PRIOR TO 9:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME, WHEN INQUIRY OPENS.
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